- Deadline is **April 1.**
- Email nomination material to **tbp@tbp.org.** The honoree(s) will be awarded a plaque and a $2,500 cash prize at the annual Convention and will receive travel expenses to attend.
- A recognition plaque is also awarded to the laureate's nominating chapter at the annual Convention.
- Winners will be announced in July.
- More information is available at: **www.tbp.org/awards.cfm**

Tau Beta Pi
LAUREATE AWARD

Look among your members for an outstanding student who has exceptional talent beyond the field of engineering. Chapters may nominate one or more members for Laureate status in the Association's program to foster a spirit of liberal culture among engineers. Candidates may be nominated for contributions in the arts, athletics, diverse achievements, or service. Up to five students will be recognized annually.

A nominating committee, excluding but in consultation with the Laureate candidate, should email the nomination material to the Executive Director by April 1. **This is considered a chapter project.** The nominee should supply the personal information and the chapter should write it in the **third person**. There is no blank application to be completed and mailed.

Include the following items:

1) A letter of nomination from the chapter that specifies the areas of contribution and signed by each member of the Advisory Board—advisors, president, vice president, and corresponding secretary.

2) A half-page nomination summary in bullet format supported by specific answers to the question, "What are the five strongest points made in the documentation that make this nominee worthy of the Laureate designation?"

3) A half-page biographical sketch of the nominee's activities prior to enrollment as an engineering student. The purpose of this information is to give the committee an impression of the nominee's personality and development into an area of liberal culture.

4) Up to a three-page description of the contributions of the nominee to the fostering of liberal culture. This section serves as a description of the nominee's activities and accomplishments during his or her time as an engineering student. Include all dates or periods of contributions and approximate time spent.

5) A one-page description of the nominee's participation in TBP activities and dates. This should include offices held, committee work, and date of initiation.

6) A personal résumé and unofficial transcript including: (a) expected date of graduation, (b) home and school addresses and phone numbers, and (c) GPA.

7) Three confidential reference letters from individuals who can speak to the qualifications upon which a nomination is based. Letters should specifically address the candidate's personality and contributions to liberal culture (not academic accomplishments). These letters should be emailed to the nomination committee at: **tbp@tbp.org**. (Association Officials may not write letters for candidates.)

8) Pertinent supplementary material is useful and provides another perspective of the nominee. It shall not be overwhelming, excessive, or elaborate.

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Tau Beta Pi

Laureate Award

Nominations due April 1

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Each Laureate receives a $2,500 cash award, recognition at the national Convention, and publicity in THE BENT and other national publications.

A nominating committee, excluding but in consultation with the Laureate candidate, should prepare a nomination packet to send to the Executive Director by April 1. This is a chapter project; full details for submitting a nomination are in the Tau Beta Pi President's Book, pages C 31-32 and at *www.tbp.org*. The nominee should supply the personal information and the chapter should write it in the **third person**.

The following items should be sent in digital format (text 1.5-to-double-spaced):

1) *A letter of nomination from the chapter which specifies the areas of contribution and signed by each member of the Advisory Board—the advisors, president, vice president, and corresponding secretary.*

2) *A one-half-page nomination summary in bullet format supported by specific examples in the spirit of answering "What are the five strongest points made in the documentation that make this nominee worthy of the Laureate designation?"*

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5) *A one-page description of TBΠ activities. This should include descriptions of offices held, committee work, date of initiation, and other TBΠ activities in which the nominee participated. Include dates.*

6) *A personal résumé and unofficial transcript including: (a) Expected date of graduation, (b) Home and school addresses and telephone numbers, and (c) GPA.*

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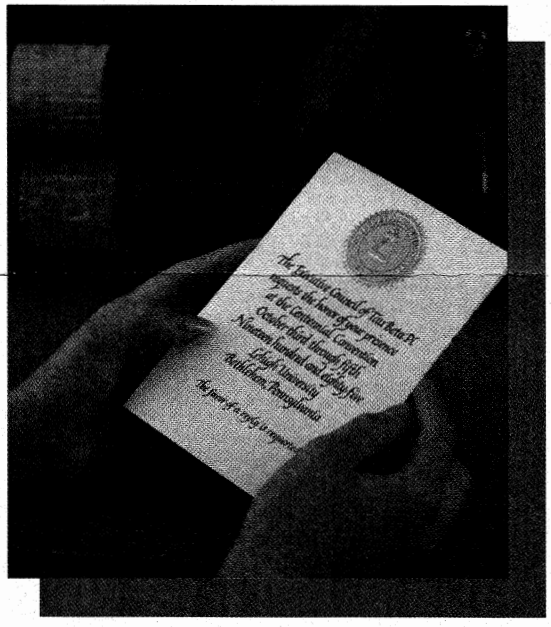
Tau Beta Pi Laureate Program

THE Laureate Bulletin

Nominations are now open for—Laureate



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The winners each receive a $2,500 cash award, recognition at the annual Convention, and publicity in **THE BENT** and other publications.

A chapter nominating committee, excluding but in consultation with the Laureate candidate, should prepare a nomination packet to send to the Executive Director by March 15. This is a chapter project; full details for submitting a nomination are in the Tau Beta Pi President's Book, pages C 29-30, and Section C-VI at *www.tbp.org*. The nominee should supply the personal information; the chapter should write it in the **third person**.

The following material should be sent in triplicate (bind only with staples or paper clips; nomination packets will not be returned):

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